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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael Horstmann
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Examiner : Kevin S. Orwig
Group Art Unit : 1611
Title : Device for Transdermal Administration of Active Substances
Attorney File : RO4243US (#90568)

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Reply to Office Action Issued March 16, 2009

Dear Sir:

Claims 1-14 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has concluded that restriction to one of the following four groups is necessary:

Group I – Claims 13 and 14, drawn to the use of a device (considered to be methods of using the device).

Group II – Claims 2-11, drawn to a device wherein the active substance is selected from the genus of peptides or proteins.